

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Previously Presented) A tank for oils or liquids, the tank comprising:

a tank part having tank part walls, said tank part walls defining a tank volume, said tank part receiving at least one liquid; and

a fastening means for fastening said tank part on a fastening surface of a motor vehicle element, at least one said fastening means being surrounded by the tank volume in a liquid-proof manner, one end of said fastening means being surrounded by said tank volume.

2. (Previously Presented) A tank in accordance with claim 1, wherein said one or more fastening means comprises one or more screw connections passing through said tank volume.

3. (Currently Amended) A tank in accordance with claim 1, further comprising:

one or more first ducts extending within said tank part, said one or more first ducts extending continuously from one of said tank part walls to another of said tank part walls, wherein said one or more first ducts is surrounded by said at least one liquid, said tank part having one or more inner surfaces, said one or more inner surfaces defining said one or more first ducts, said one or more inner surfaces being integrally formed with said tank part, wherein another end of said fastening means is located at a position outside of said tank volume, said one end of said fastening means being located at a spaced location from said one of said tank part walls, said one or more inner surfaces having a first length section and a second length section, said first length section having a first length section diameter, said second length

section having a second length section diameter, said first length section diameter being greater than said second length section diameter, said one or more inner surfaces having a stepped portion, said stepped portion defining a transition area from said first length section to said second length section, said one end of said fastening means being in contact with said stepped portion; and

one or more second ducts arranged on an outer circumference of said tank part, said fastening means comprising a plurality of screws, one of said screws passing through said one or more first ducts such that a portion of said one of said screws is located adjacent to said liquid in said tank part and another portion of said one of said screws is located at a spaced location from said tank part, another one of said screws extending through said one or more second ducts.

4. (Previously Presented) A tank in accordance with claim 1, wherein said tank part has a tank cover and a filler neck and two connection pipes, said fastening means comprising one or more first screws passing through one or more first ducts extending through said tank volume and a plurality of second screws passing through one or more second ducts arranged on an outer circumference of said tank part, wherein the second ducts have a dimension that is less than a dimension of the depth of the tank part, and recesses are provided on a circumference of the tank cover, in the area of the second ducts.

5. (Previously Presented) A tank in accordance with claim 4, wherein said second

ducts are located at a spaced location from said tank cover, said second ducts and said tank cover defining a space.

6. (Previously Presented) A tank in accordance with claim 4, wherein said first screws and said second screws are premounted on the tank part.

7. (Previously Presented) A tank in accordance with claim 4, wherein said first screws are sealed by a weld seam.

8. (Previously Presented) A tank in accordance with claim 4, further comprising one positioning aid for said first and second screws, said positioning aid being located on an outer surface of the tank part in an area of first or second ducts.

9. (Previously Presented) A tank for holding oils or liquids, the tank comprising:

a tank part having a tank volume, said tank part having an inner tank part surface integrally connected thereto, said inner tank part surface defining at least one duct extending through said tank volume in a leak proof manner; and

5 a connection means for connecting said tank part on a fastening surface of a motor vehicle component, said connection means having at least one end, said at least one end being located within said at least one duct, said at least one end portion being surrounded by said tank volume, wherein at least a portion of said connection means extends from a position within

10 said tank part through at least a portion of said at least one duct to a position outside of said tank volume, said at least said portion of said connection means being surrounded by said tank volume.

10. (Previously Presented) A tank in accordance with claim 9, wherein said tank part includes a tank base, a filler neck and a tank cover, recesses are provided in an area of said connection means on a circumference of said tank cover, two connection pipes, and positioning guides located on an outer surface of said tank part in an area of said connection means.

5 11. (Previously Presented) A tank in accordance with claim 9, wherein said connection means comprises screws, said inner tank part surface having a stepped portion, said at least one end portion being in contact with said stepped portion, said inner tank part surface defining a portion of said duct having a first duct diameter and said inner tank part surface defining another portion of said duct having a second duct diameter, said first duct diameter being greater than said second duct diameter, said stepped portion defining a transition area of said duct from said first duct diameter to said second duct diameter.

12. (Previously Presented) A tank in accordance with claim 11, wherein said screws are pre-mounted on said tank part.

13. (Previously Presented) A tank in accordance with claim 9, wherein said connection

means is sealed by a weld seam.

14. (Previously Presented) A tank in accordance with claim 9, further comprising:

one or more mounting ducts arranged on an outer circumference of said tank part, wherein one or more mounting ducts are of a length less than a depth of said tank part to define a space between said one or more mounting ducts and said tank part; and

5 another connection means for fastening said tank part on said fastening surface, wherein at least a portion of said another connection means extends through said one or more mounting ducts.

15. (Previously Presented) A fluid tank comprising:

a tank structure comprising a first side surface, a second side surface, a top surface, a bottom surface and an inner surface, said first side surface being located opposite said second side surface, said top surface being located opposite said bottom surface, said first side surface, said second side surface, said top surface, said inner surface and said bottom surface defining a tank volume, said tank structure receiving at least one liquid, said inner surface defining at least one liquid impermeable duct, said inner surface being integrally formed with said first side surface and said second side surface, said at least one liquid impermeable duct extending from said first side surface to said second side surface, wherein said at least one liquid impermeable duct is surrounded by said at least one liquid in said tank structure; and

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a fastening means for fastening said tank structure on a fastening surface of a motor

vehicle component, said fastening means extending through at least a portion of said at least one liquid impermeable duct, wherein a portion of said fastening means extends from a position located within said liquid impermeable duct to a position located outside of said tank volume, wherein one end of said fastening means is located at a spaced location from said tank structure, said one end of said fastening means being located outside of said tank volume, wherein another end of said fastening means is located within said at least one liquid impermeable duct, said another end of said fastening means being surrounded by said tank volume and recessed within said at least one liquid impermeable duct relative to said first side surface.

16. (Previously Presented) A tank in accordance with claim 15, wherein:

said tank structure includes a tank base, a filler neck and a tank cover, recesses provided in an area of said fastening means on a circumference of said tank cover, two connection pipes and positioning guides located on an outer surface of said tank structure in an area of said fastening means.

17. (Previously Presented) A tank in accordance with claim 16, wherein said fastening means comprises screws, said inner surface having a stepped portion, said another end of said fastening means being in contact with said stepped portion, said inner surface defining a portion of said impermeable duct having a first duct diameter and another portion of said impermeable duct having a second duct diameter, said first duct diameter being greater than

said second duct diameter, said stepped portion defining a transition area of said impermeable duct from said first duct diameter to said second duct diameter.

18. (Previously Presented) A tank in accordance with claim 17, wherein said screws are pre-mounted on said tank part.

19. (Previously Presented) A tank in accordance with claim 16, wherein said fastening means is sealed by a weld seam.

20. (Previously Presented) A tank in accordance with claim 16, further comprising:  
one or more mounting ducts arranged on an outer circumference of said tank part, said mounting ducts having a length less than a depth of said tank part to define a space between said one or more mounting ducts and said tank part; and

5           another fastening means for fastening on a fastening surface, whereby said another fastening means passes through said one or more mounting ducts.